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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 30-day Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the collection of information from individuals who want to make a desert land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid public lands administered by the BLM in the western States. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved this information collection activity, and assigned it control number 1004-0004.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-0004), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at oira_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

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Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: Jean Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0004" regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Holdren at 202-912-7335.

Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Mr.

Holdren. You may also review the information collection request online at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain and renew an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities.

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published a 60-day notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> on February 22, 2012 (77 FR 10554), and the comment period ended April 23, 2012. The BLM received no comments. The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond,

including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of

information technology.

Please send comments as directed under ADDRESSES and DATES. Please refer

to OMB control number 1004-0004 in your correspondence. Before including your

address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your

comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal

identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask

us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public

review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

Title: Desert Land Entry Application (43 CFR Part 2520).

Form: Form 2520-1, Desert Land Entry Application.

OMB Control Number: 1004-0004.

Abstract: The BLM needs to collect the information in order to determine if an applicant

is eligible to make a desert land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid

public lands in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada,

New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

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<u>Estimated Number and Description of Respondents</u>: 3 applicants for desert land entries annually.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 6 hours annually.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: \$45 annually.

Jean Sonneman Bureau of Land Management Information Collection Clearance Officer

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